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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>10114961</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2003/010477</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>August 20, 2003</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/524991</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>SPONGE PROPHY</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>August 20, 2002</b>
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Atsushi TAKAHASHI</b>		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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The following fees have been submitted				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... <b>\$300</b>				\$ 300	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If international preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... <b>\$100</b> All other situations..... <b>\$200</b>				\$ 200	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... <b>\$100</b> International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... <b>\$400</b> All other situations..... <b>\$500</b>				\$ 400	
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				<b>\$ 900</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is <b>\$250</b> for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
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Total claims	14 - 20 =	0	x <b>\$ 50</b>	\$	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x <b>\$200</b>	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ <b>\$360</b>	\$ 360	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 1260</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 630</b>	
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				+	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property				+	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 630</b>	
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b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502447 in the amount of \$ 630 to cover the above fees.  
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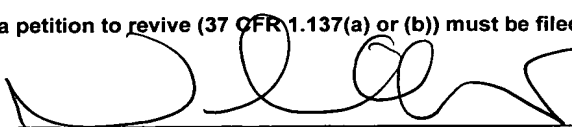
c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502447. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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